

TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD

ORDINANCE 2024-4B

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-4A, CHAPTER 123
OF THE CODE OF MEDFORD TOWNSHIP ENTITLED “TREE
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT”**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), as a condition of the renewal of Medford Township's NJDEP R9-MS4-Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit, required the municipality to adopt an updated tree removal and replacement ordinance based on a model ordinance prepared by NJDEP, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Ordinance 2024-4A on July 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP model ordinance defined “Emergency Tree” but did not provide for the immediate removal of an Emergency Tree.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Medford, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance 2024-4A, Chapter 123 of the Code of the Township of Medford entitled “Tree Removal and Replacement” is amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: The following definition is repealed: EMERGENCY — Any tree that creates an immediate hazard or danger to persons and property, as a result of a weather event, such as a hurricane, wind storm, flood, freeze or other disaster, or other cause.

SECTION TWO: The repealed definition of EMERGENCY is replaced as follows:

EMERGENCY — Any tree that creates an immediate hazard or danger to persons and property, as a result of a weather event, such as a hurricane, wind storm, flood, freeze or other disaster, or other cause. An Emergency tree may be removed immediately, without a fee, permit or tree replacement.”

SECTION THREE. *REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE*

- A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency
- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.